GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:23
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000
ALLOTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION TO POLITICAL PARTIES
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any requests for the allotment of Government accommodation from various political parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government have got evicted the offices of some political Parties;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some of the parties have requested the Government for allotment of alternative accommodation in the capital;

(f) if so, the time by which these parties are likely to be provided with alternative accommodations;
(g) whether the Government have also issued notices to political parties for surrendering the Government accommodation; and
(h) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 23 FOR 25.7.2000 REGARDING ALLOTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION TO POLITICAL PARTIES.

(a)to(h): In the context of the observations made by the Hon`ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition No. 585/94, the guidelines for allotment of accommodation to political parties were revised by the Government and the decisions taken were as follows:-

(i) The National Political Parties, which have been recognised as such by the Election Commission of India, shall be allowed to retain/secure allotment of one housing unit from General Pool in Delhi for their office use on payment of licence fee under FR 45A, i.e. the normal licence fee.

(ii) The said accommodation will be provided for a period of three years during which the party would acquire a plot of land in an institutional area and will construct its own accommodation for party office.

(iii) One residential accommodation would be allotted/allowed to be retained by the party President of recognised national party in case the president does not have a house in Delhi, either of his own or allotted by Government in any other capacity.

(iv) The facility of office accommodation will also be given to the State level parties recognised by the Election Commission of India provided it has, in the opinion of the Accommodation Committee of Cabinet, adequate representation in Parliament and its case for allotment is approved by the CCA on its merit.

(v) The other buildings allotted or in occupation of any political party stand cancelled. However, a period of six months or upto the time the allotment has been made, whichever is earlier would be given to the party to make alternate arrangement and vacate the Government accommodation.

2. Request for allotment of accommodation from 21 political parties was received. The names of these political parties are given in Annexure-I.

3.1 Out of these 21 political parties, 9 political parties (Sl.13 to 21) are unrecognised and, therefore, not entitled to any allotment of Government accommodation. Intimation has accordingly been sent to them vide Directorate of Estates letter dated 24.7.2000.

3.2 The cases of State level party (Sl.5 to 12) are being placed before the Cabinet Committee on Accommodation for appropriate decision. These parties have been asked to apply in the prescribed proforma in the context of the new policy decision referred to in

para 1 above.

3.3. Out of National Parties, BJP has applied for appropriate allotment of land in the Institutional area and its case is under process.

The case of continued recognition of CPI(M) as a national party is under consideration of the Election Commission and its request would be processed further on receipt of information from the Election Commission. The case of Janta Dal {Janta Dal (Secular) and Janta Dal (United)} are also under consideration of the Eelection Commission and their cases would be examined further after receipt of information from the Election Commission.

4. Notices have been issued to political parties to surrender accommodation that are in excess of units permissible under the revised policy referred to in para 1 above.

5. No political party has been evicted from any office which was duly allotted to it.

6. Requests of Parliamentary Parties for allotment/retention of Government accommodation are being considered separately.

ANNEXURE

S.NO.	NAME OF THE POLICAL PARTY	PRESENT STATUS i.e. WHETHER RECOGNIZED NATIONAL OR RECOGNIZED STATE-LEVEL OR UNRECOGNISED PARTY
1.	BJP	National Party
2.	CPI (M)	National Party
3.	Janta Dal (United)	National Party
4.	Janta Dal (Secular)	National Party
5.	AIADMK	State level party
6.	Telugu Desham Party	State level party
7	Shiromani Akali Dal	State level party
8.	MDMK	State level party
9.	Shiv Sena Parliamentary Party	State level party
10.	Rastriya Janta Dal	State level party
11.	PMK Party	State level party
12.	Lokshakti	State level party
13.	Rastriya Bahujan Ekta Party	Unrecognised
14.	Bharatiya Minorities Suraksha Mahasangh	Unrecognised
15.	Loktantrik Congress Party	Unrecognised
16.	Loktantrik Samajwadi Party	Unrecognised
17.	Bhartiya Samaj Kalyan Party	Unrecognised
18.	Sarpanch Samaj Party	Unrecognised
19.	Akhil Bhartiya Loktantrik Congress	Unrecognised
20.	Bhartiya Janta Dal	Unrecognised
21.	Rashtriya Sangathan	Unrecognised